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NABARD ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any suggestions and expert opinions from certain quarters to extend and increase the activities of National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in the East and North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by (he GovernmerrrfiTereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c): Suggestions are being received by the Government from various quarters from time to time to increase the activities of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) in the East and North Eastern States. NABARD has accorded high level of priority for development of Eastern and Nortli Eastern Regions and has taken steps and given, inter-alia, following special concessions for North Eastern Region:-

refinance for investment credit at concessional rate of interest i.e 6% irrespective of the size of the loan;
100% refinance to all financing agencies for most of the purposes under investment credit;
relaxation in eligibility criteria for both i.e investment credit and production credit;
capital investment subsidy scheme for rural godowas wherein subsidy has been fixed at 33.33 % with a higher ceiling of Rs. 50 lakh ;
capital investment subsidy scheme for cold storages and onion godowns under which subsidy has been fixed at 33.33% with a higher ceiling of Rs. 60 lakh;
Up-gradation of 7 sub-offices as regional offices by NABARD and opening of 5 new District Development Manager`s offices, etc.

Further, the following details show an upward trend in refinance disbursed by NABARD during the last three years in the Eastern and North Eastern Region :-

(Rs. in lakh)

State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Orissa	26975	30839	32264
Bihar	8205	9671	17645
Jharkhand	3908	4551	4802
West Bengal	41495	61323	47412
Arunachal Pradesh	690	711	987
Assam	6937	7354	13303
Manipur	519	219	933
Meghalaya	917	932	1192
Mizoram	1585	1685	3637
Nagaland	218	127	160
Tripura	1096	1234	1657
Sikkim	375	0	930